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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS STATUS REPORT IS EXCELLENT UNCLASSIFIED PRESENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUATEMALA. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PRESENT SOME INKLING OF CURRENT INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF GOG WHICH ARE NOT REFERRED TO, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO SECTION I POLITICAL SITUATION:

2. INSURGENCY HAS BEEN A CONTINUING PROBLEM FOR SOME YEARS. SINE LATE 1975 THE STEADY GROWTH IN STRENGTH AND ACTIVITY OF A TERRORIST GROUP CALLED THE GUERRILLA

ARMY OF THE POOR (EGP) HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN TO THE GOG. THE EGP HAS DEMONSTRATED A CAPABILITY TO STRIKE IN STRENGTH ALMOST ANYWHERE IN UGATEMALA AND HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A SERIES OF ATTACKS, INCLUDNG A NUMBER OF ASSASSINATIONS OF PROMINENT GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS FIGURES. IN RECENT MONTHS THE EGP HAS OCCUPIED AN
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AMERICAN OIL DRILLING CAMP AND SHOT DOWN AN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER BRINGING IN SUPPLIES, DESTROYED BY BOMBING ONE FLOOR OF THE LARGE SHERATON HOTEL IN GUATEMALA CITY, AND BURNED A NUMBER OF SUGAR CANE PLANTATIONS.
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